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DATE: February 17, 2017

TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Hospitals, Clinics, Maternal Health Centers, Screening Centers, Family Planning Agencies, Local Education Agencies, Home Health Agencies, and Pharmacies

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Pediatric Flu Vaccine Provided by the Vaccine for Children (VFC) Program

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

On February 13, 2017, the IME received notice from the Iowa Department of Public Health that the VFC program no longer has the pediatric flu vaccine for children ages six months to 35 months. Providers may use and bill private stock when providing flu vaccine for this group of children.

The National Drug Code (NDC) is 49281-0515-25.

To bill Fee-for-Service Medicaid for private stock pediatric vaccine for a VFC eligible member, the appropriate flu vaccine procedure code 90657 with an appended "U8" modifier must be used. The vaccine administration procedure code should be billed as usual. Claims submitted without the "U8" modifier appended will result in non-payment of the vaccine.

When billing the "U8" modifier, the claim must:

- Be submitted with the "U8" modifier appended to the appropriate CPT code for pediatric vaccine.
- Include sub-charges for each line item/vaccine code billed. Reimbursement at the fee schedule rate will occur only when item sub-charges are equal to or greater than the IME fee schedule rate.

Please contact the member's Managed Care Organization (MCO) for MCO-related questions.

If you have any questions for FFS members, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 or email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.